

Moran Commends NBAF Funding Passed by

Conference Committee

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran made the following statement after a House and Senate Conference Committee approved an appropriations bill that includes \$32 million to complete the design and begin the construction of a new National Bio and Agro Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kansas. Funding for the facility was not included in the House legislation but was included in the Senate legislation. A Conference Committee made up of House and Senate members reconciled the difference between the bills to produce the final appropriations bill that included funding for NBAF.

“I am glad that the conference committee delivered this funding that will keep the construction of NBAF on track,” Moran said. “This is an essential step so that NBAF can move forward toward completion. I commend Senators Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts for their diligent efforts to help keep this funding included in the appropriations bill. This world class research facility will benefit Kansans for years to come - protecting our agriculture, growing our economy and providing an opportunity for our best and brightest young people to stay and work in Kansas.”

The Department of Homeland Security recently approved locating the new NBAF in Manhattan after reviewing 18 possible sites over 6 years. NBAF will be dedicated to researching biological threats from animal diseases that threaten both animal and human health. It is estimated that over a twenty year period, NBAF will have a \$3.5 billion impact on the Kansas economy. The

proposed site will be a \$451 million, 500,000 square foot building. It will create as many as 500 high-paying, scientific federal jobs in the state of Kansas and will bring additional jobs in research partnerships to the state.

Moran is a member of the Kansas NBAF Task Force.

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